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- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 2

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The invention is a depositing device (5) for depositing flowable food containing gas comprising a pressurized feed line conveying flowable food containing gas under pressure into the food; piston (60) means operatively connected to the feed line comprising a piston and a chamber (61); an outlet to deliver food at the atmospheric pressure into moulds (85). The device comprises a pressure retaining means (9) arranged to retain the product in the chamber at the same pressure as the line pressure and to deliver the product through the outlet as pressure in the chamber increases from the line pressure upon descent of the piston in the chamber.

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